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Introduction

Circulating blood carries chemical information from every cell in the body in the form of proteins, hormones and other factors that can potentially be assayed to screen for cancers and other diseases. In the case of breast cancer, a number of circulating markers have been identified that have the potential to be used in the detection or prognosis of the disease. Unfortunately, no single marker is consistently increased in breast cancer patients when compared with the general population. We hypothesize, however, that a sophisticated analysis of large number of circulating markers would accurately detect breast cancer as well as provide a valuable tool for prognosis. Therefore, we propose to develop a rapid and simple system to measure a large number of blood markers associated with breast cancer. We will accomplish this by developing an antibody microarray with antibodies specific to different blood markers and use this microarray to screen up to 200 serum samples from breast cancer patients and control patients. These data will then be analyzed using sophisticated computer programs that are designed to find relationships in a complex data set such as this. Once completed, these studies will result in a prototype chip that can be used for the rapid determination of circulating markers associated with breast cancer. This basic technology is likely to lead to the development of more advanced chips with wide application in screening, diagnosis, and prognosis of patients with breast cancer.

Body

In this year we have made progress toward accomplishing Task #1 (reprinted below from our approved Statement of Work).

Task 1. Design and test a diagnostic protein chip containing a repertoire (up to 25) of monoclonal antibodies specific to serum tumor markers associated with breast cancer (months 1-24).

- Develop a microarray chip containing up to 25 different antibodies that recognize circulating markers associated with breast cancer.
- Collect a preliminary number of serum sample from individuals that are apparently cancer-free and those with breast cancer. We estimate that we will have about 30-50

samples of each type by this time. These samples will be screened by Western blot methods to identify samples which have high and low levels of each targeted marker.

- Test the microarray chip using the sera identified in the above step. This will allow us to determine appropriate conditions for detection. Factors that potentially may be varied are amounts of antibodies used, either for binding to the spot or for detection; dilution of serum; incubation time; and source of antibody (some antibodies may not work satisfactorily).
- Day to day reproducibility and stability of the chips will also be determined.

Task #2 is to be done in the months 25-36 and therefore will not be addressed in this report.

The main thrust of our work this year has been directed at acquiring the antibody and antigen reagents specific for each circulating marker associated with breast cancer and developing a standard curve and sensitivity range for each marker. These values need to be determined for each marker as these ranges vary depending upon the affinity of the antibody-antigen interaction. Once the sensitivity, linear range and assay conditions are determined for each antibody-antigen combination a full antibody array can be generated.

When we began work on this project we had developed arraying methods with a Beckman Biomek robotic microarrayer. This instrument was replaced in October, 2000 with another robotic microarrayer, a Cartesian, PixSys 5500. The Cartesian robotic arrayer spots one nanoliter of a protein solution onto a 125 micron spot instead of a 200 nanoliter spot of protein that the Beckman robotic arrayer delivered. While this new spotter allows for more antibodies to be spotted on the same size microarray, it was necessary to adapt some of our methodologies to accommodate the decreased size and volume of the arrayed spot.

We have focused on three markers initially, CEA, HGF and PSA. The first two markers were initially assayed using a capture antibody-antigen-antibody sandwich format with an additional fluorescent-labeled secondary antibody used for detection. However, we have modified this assay format to a capture antibody-antigen-biotinylated antibody sandwich. The biotinylated antibody is then detected with a fluorescently-labeled streptavidin. This modification markedly improved the signal to noise ratio. Additionally, a tyramide amplification step (TSA-PerkinElmer Life Sciences, Boston, MA) was added to improve the sensitivity of the assay. In this amplification scheme the streptavidin is conjugated with HRP. HRP is used to catalyze the deposition and binding of a biotinylated tyramide onto

nearby proteins. This complex is then incubated with fluorescently labeled streptavidin and imaged. Together these assay refinements have resulted in an approximately 1000-fold increase in the sensitivity of the assay (see below).

Prostrate Specific Antigen, PSA, is expressed at low levels in healthy woman (2pg/ml). However, higher levels, especially of the free form (not bound to (alpha)1-antichymotrypsin) are observed in women diagnosed with breast cancer, as high as 16ng/ml (1). Using antibodies to the unbound form of PSA we were able to detect PSA at a concentration of 0.3 ng/ml (Figure 1).

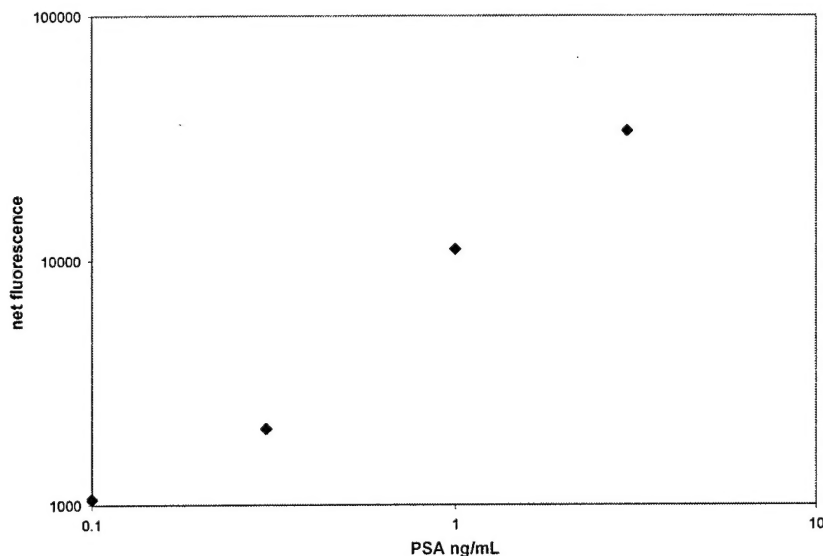


Figure 1. Detection of PSA. Antibody arrays incubated with PSA at the following concentrations, 0.1, 0.3, 1, and 3 ng/ml, were imaged using a Scan Array 3000. Log values of fluorescence detected is plotted against the concentration of PSA, also in log scale. Each data point represents the median value from five replicate samples.

While this sensitivity is not adequate to detect PSA in normal serum it is sufficient to detect unbound PSA in serum from patients with breast cancer. It should also be noted that these experiments were performed without using the tyramide amplification. We are at present repeating these experiments using the tyramide amplification. We expect to see sensitivities in the range of 1 pg/ml concentration of PSA, which should allow us to detect PSA in normal patient's serum.

Our initial experiments with anti-CEA antibodies didn't bind with CEA antigen on a microarray. The antibodies also didn't detect CEA antigen on a Western blot, indicating that the reagents and not the microarray format are the problem. CEA is a heavily glycosylated

protein and has made analysis of the reagents difficult. We are continuing to investigate the reagents and will order new reagents if required.

Heptacyte Growth Factor, HGF, has been shown to promote cell motility and proliferation in various types of cells, including tumor cells. Additionally circulating HGF levels are frequently increased in advanced cancer patients (2). HGF levels in normal serum is less than 0.4 ng/ml and in woman with breast cancer it is greater than 0.4 ng/ml (3). Our initial assays to measure HGF did not utilize the tyramide amplification step and the sensitivity of the assay was 0.3 ng/ml.

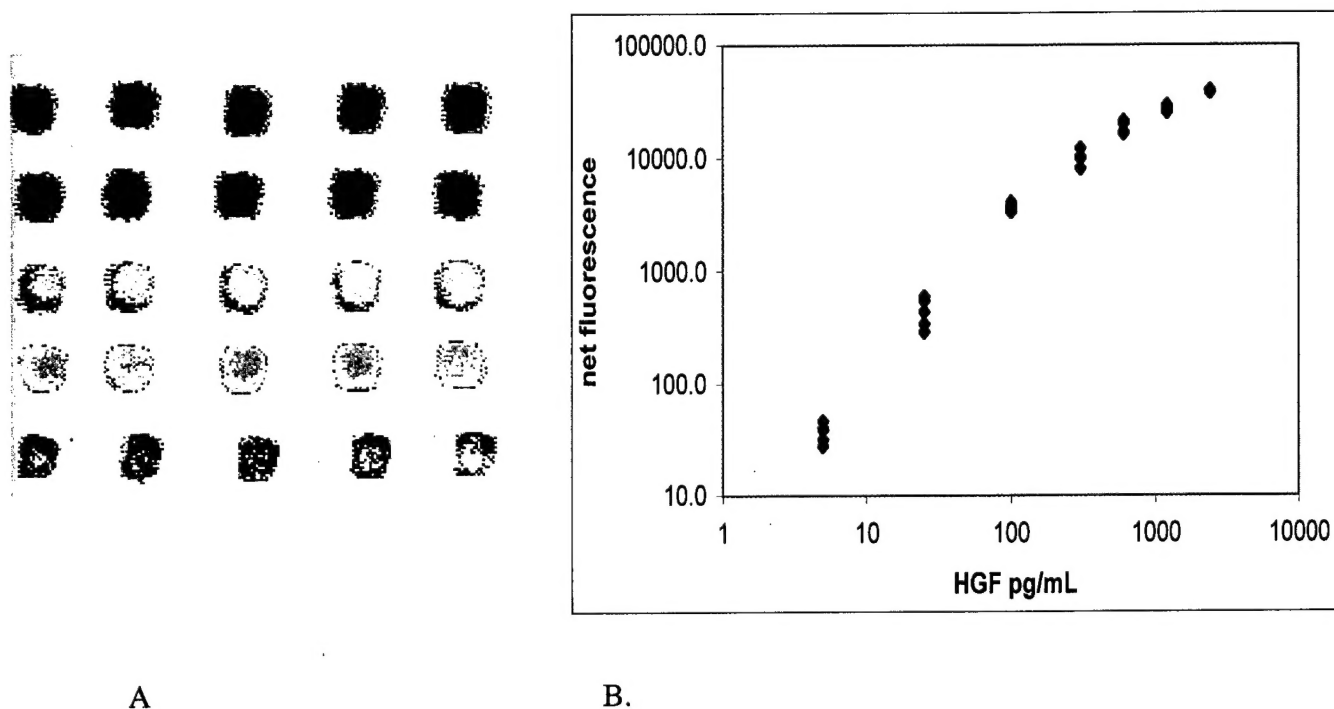


Figure 2A. *Detection of HGF. Antibody arrays incubated with five replicate spots of HGF(from left to right) at the following concentrations from top to bottom, 10, 3, 1, 0.3, and 0.1 ng/ml were imaged with a Scan Array 3000. B. In another experiment antibody arrays were incubated with HGF at the following concentrations 5, 25, 100, 300, 600, 1200, and 2400 pg/ml, were imaged using a Scan Array 3000 and then plotted. Log values of fluorescence detected is plotted against the concentration of HGF, also in log scale. Each data point represents the median value from five replicate samples.*

When the assay was repeated with a tyramide amplification we were able to detect HGF at a concentration of 0.5 pg/ml, or nearly 1000-fold greater sensitivity than without tyramide. Figure 2 shows that this assay has a linear range extending from 5 pg/ml up to 1.2 ng/ml ($R^2=0.97$). This sensitivity and range will allow measurement of HGF concentrations in both normal and cancer patient's sera. We have analyzed the HGF concentration in one normal female's serum and determined the concentration to be between 30-100 pg/ml.

We have identified antibody and antigen sources for a number of additional breast cancer markers. There are however a handful of markers that at present are not available commercially. We intend to identify in the coming months individual laboratories that will make these antibodies or antigens available for this project.

Key Research Accomplishments

- The set-up and implementation of a new microarray robotic spotter
- Refined mAb array assay with an improved sensitivity as low as 0.5 pg/ml for HGF.
- Detection of HGF in normal female serum using a protein microarray.
- Computer training begun on the bioinformatics software, OmniVis (previously referred to as SPIRE).
- Microarray spotting is reproducible.

Reportable Outcomes

None at this time.

Conclusions

We have established a strong foundation for developing antibody microarray assays. Work this year has focused on determining the appropriate assay conditions for several antibody-antigen combinations. Having established these conditions for several markers, we will be able to quickly analyze the conditions necessary for the remaining antibody-antigen combinations. Once these are established we will be able to assemble a complete repertoire of antibodies on an array and begin to assay for the levels of cancer markers in serum samples. This type of antibody microarray has great potential for the rapid determination of circulating markers associated with breast cancer. This basic technology is likely to lead to

the development of more advanced chips with wide application in screening, diagnosis, and prognosis of patients with breast cancer.

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Appendices

Personel that have worked on this project over the last year are Drs. Richard C. Zangar, Susan M. Varnum and Ron Woodbury. Curriculum vitae for each are these personel are included here.

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- 1999-2003 NIH/NIDDK R01 DK54812. PI: RC Zangar. *Regulation of Xenobiotic-Metabolizing CYP3A*.
This grant investigates the cell-signaling enzymes and phospholipids that regulate the stability of cytochrome P450 3A, a key enzyme in human drug metabolism. Many of the two-dimensional gel proteomics techniques proposed for the current proposal have been developed on this project. \$142K directs/yr.
- 2000-2003 DOD/Army Breast Cancer "Idea" Award #BC990713. PI: RC Zangar. *Protein Microarray Technology for the Noninvasive Diagnosis and Prognosis of Breast Cancer*. This goal of this project is to develop a quantitative protein microarray chip for use in the analysis of protein biomarkers in serum. \$75K directs/yr.
- 1999-2002 Internally funded Laboratory Directed Research and Development. PI: DL Springer. *Characterization of Nodes in Cell-Signaling Pathways using Proteomic Approaches*. The goals of this study involve characterization of membrane and shed proteins using Mass-Spectrometry-based proteomics. Dr. Zangar's role on this project has been to develop and optimize procedures for handling membrane proteins that are compatible with subsequent MS analyses. \$375K total/yr.
- 2001-2004 Internal Research and Development. PI: JG Pounds. *Identification of Cancer Biomarkers using Proteomic Characterization of Serum*. The goal of this project is to develop high-throughput procedures (i.e., no gel analysis steps) for characterizing the human serum proteome to be used in identifying biomarkers of disease. Dr. Zangar's role on this project is that of an advisor/consultant, providing general guidance on sample handling and proteomic approaches. ~\$3000K total/yr.

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